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Nissan Maxima

1986 Nissan Maxima Owner's Manual

Essential Information for Your Vehicle

Introduction

This document serves as the official owner's manual for the 1986 Nissan Maxima. It provides crucial information regarding the safe operation, routine maintenance, and general care of your vehicle. Please read this manual thoroughly to ensure proper understanding and to maximize the lifespan and performance of your Nissan Maxima.

Quick Reference

This section provides a brief overview of key information and page references for detailed instructions within the complete manual.



Image: The quick reference page from the 1986 Nissan Maxima Owner's Manual. It displays essential information such as gas station details, recommended fluids, and a quick guide to important sections like emergency procedures, starting the engine, reading gauges, maintenance schedules, and do-it-yourself tasks.

- **In case of emergency:** (Towing, jump starting, overheating) - Refer to page 6-1
- **How to start the engine:** - Refer to page 4-1
- **How to read the meters and gauges:**- Refer to page 3-1
- **Maintenance schedule:** - Refer to page 8-1
- **Do-it-yourself:** - Refer to page 9-1

Gas Station Information

Hood Release

To open the hood, pull the handle located under the instrument panel. For more detailed instructions, consult the "Hood release" section within the "Comfort and convenience features" chapter of the full manual.

Recommended Fuel

For gasoline engines, use unleaded gasoline with a minimum of 87 AKI (Anti-Knock Index) number, which is equivalent to RON 91. For additional information, including details on gasohol usage, refer to the "Oil and fuel recommendation" section in the "Do-It-Yourself" chapter.

Setup and Initial Operation

While specific setup details are covered in the full manual, general initial setup involves familiarizing yourself with the

vehicle's controls and ensuring proper seating position. Refer to the "How to start the engine" section for initial vehicle operation.

- **Seating Position:** Adjust the driver's seat for optimal comfort and control of pedals and steering wheel.
- **Mirror Adjustment:** Adjust rearview and side mirrors for clear visibility.
- **Dashboard Controls:** Familiarize yourself with the location and function of lights, wipers, and climate controls.

Operating Your Vehicle

This section provides general guidance on operating your 1986 Nissan Maxima. For detailed instructions, refer to the respective sections in the complete owner's manual.

Starting the Engine

Ensure the vehicle is in Park (P) or Neutral (N) for automatic transmissions, or the clutch pedal is fully depressed for manual transmissions. Insert the key and turn it to the START position. Release the key once the engine starts.

Understanding Meters and Gauges

The instrument panel provides vital information about your vehicle's status. This includes the speedometer, tachometer, fuel gauge, temperature gauge, and various warning lights. Consult page 3-1 of the full manual for a comprehensive explanation of each indicator.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and safe operation of your Nissan Maxima. Adhere to the recommended maintenance schedule and use specified fluids.

Recommended Engine Oil

For gasoline engines, use API SF (Energy Conserving Oils). SAE 10W-30 is preferred for temperatures above 0°F (-18°C). Refer to the "Oil and fuel recommendation" section in the "Do-It-Yourself" chapter for more details.

Brake and Clutch Fluid

Use DOT 3 brake and clutch fluid.

Power Steering Fluid

Use DEXRON® type power steering fluid.

Automatic Transaxle Fluid

Use DEXRON® type automatic transaxle fluid.

Tire Cold Pressure

Refer to the tire placard affixed to the glove box for the correct cold tire pressure specifications for your vehicle.

Maintenance Schedule

A detailed maintenance schedule outlining routine checks and service intervals can be found on page 8-1 of the complete manual. Following this schedule is essential for optimal vehicle performance and safety.

Troubleshooting and Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency or vehicle malfunction, consult the "In case of emergency" section of the manual, starting on page 6-1. This section covers critical procedures such as:

- **Towing:** Instructions for safely towing your vehicle.
- **Jump Starting:** Procedures for jump-starting a dead battery.
- **Overheating:** Steps to take if your engine overheats.

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